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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Kindly preliminarily amend this application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between the title and the first line of text, insert --This application is a continuation of PCT/GB97/03222, filed November 25, 1997.--

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An early and favorable Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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